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**PATENT**  
**Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure**  
**Examining Group 1762**

Application of

Applicant : Victor Steven LaFay  
Serial No. : 10/072,638  
Filed : February 7, 2002  
Title : SANDCASTING PATTERN COATING COMPOSITIONS  
Docket : 024295-261  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Final Office action dated April 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.